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INMATE CHARGED WITH BOMB THREAT TO THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

On June 6, 2000, Jason Jerome Nordyke, a prison inmate in the Ada County jail, Boise, ID, was charged in a one count indictment with violating Title 18 United States Code, Section 844 (e), for willfully making a threat and maliciously conveying false information over an interstate telephone line. The indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury in the Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL.

On November 22, 1998, Nordyke phoned in several bomb threats to the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Launch Control Center (LCC). Nordyke claimed to have planted a bomb on KSC that would kill individuals in the LCC communications center. Security personnel were contacted at KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, a suspicious package check was performed and the K-9 bomb squad was alerted; however, no bomb was found. Eventually, Ada County Sheriff Officers overheard Nordyke's bomb threats and contacted the LCC communications center and informed them that Nordyke was a prison inmate.

Special Agents from the NASA Office of Inspector General, Office of Criminal Investigations conducted the investigation. Prosecution is being handled by Karen Gable, Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division, Orlando, Florida (407) 648-7536.

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